

U. S. TO PROBE OIL SITUATION

Department of Justice Seeks Cause of Shortage on Pacific Coast.

The Department of Justice has ordered an investigation of the operations of oil producers and other oil interests, it became known today. The investigation was undertaken after charges had reached the department that Western oil interests, particularly in California, were following practices which violated the Lever act.

Another Government department, the Federal Trade Commission, has been investigating for some time alleged violations of the Clayton anti-trust law by oil interests whose names are not revealed.

The charges that the Department of Justice is investigating, it is understood, are that producers are taking advantage of an alleged shortage to extort undue profits, and that gasoline producers, allied to oil men, are restricting distribution of their product, this latter, it is claimed, being a violation of the Lever law.

NAVY RUNNING SHORT. Another factor which is understood to have entered into the case is the Government's difficulty in obtaining oil recently. The Navy Department asked for bids for fuel oil, to supply its big ships, and only received bids for one-fifth the amount required.

Fearing there might be fuel oil shortage, the Navy Department sent out questionnaires designed to bring out the facts as to the available supply. While the answers to these questionnaires were not made public, the Navy again requested bids following the receipt of the answers, and on this second call it received bids for the required amount.

Reports have been circulated it is claimed, that a shortage of oil tank cars is partly responsible for the lack of proper distribution.

WANT U. S. TO HELP. In this connection, the Shipping Board recently asked for bids for oil, and none of the recognized big producers responded. Other companies

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NEWPORT R. I.
Sometime in July.

WE ARE here.

ON A ferry boat.

ON SUNDAY morning.

AND LEAVING the ferry.

A GUIDE grabbed us.

AND WE let him in.

AND HE made a speech.

AND ADDED.

"IF YOU'LL turn to the right.

"AT THE next corner."

AND I did.

AND AFTER that.

FOR AN hour.

WE DROVE along.

PAST BIG gates.

AND STONE fences.

AND IRON fences.

AND VANDERBILTS.

AND ASTORS.

AND PAYNE Whiteheads.

AND AUGUST Belmonts.

AND DREXELS.

AND MORGANS.

AND CLARKS.

AND GOULDS.

AND GOELETS.

AND H. Suffern Taylor.

AND THE last name.

IT SEEMED to me.

THAT THE guide liked it.

AND THE way he said it.

IT SOUNDED profane.

AND HE kept saying it.

AND HE'd say it.

WITH AN exclamation point.

AND ON the way.

IT BEGAN to rain.

AND THE guide said.

IT WOULD kill his business.

FOR THE day.

AND A bad Sunday.

MEANT A big loss.

TO ALL of the guides.

AND JUST then.

HE POINTED again.

AND SAID.

"THERE'S ANOTHER view.

"OF THE residence.

"OF H. Suffern Taylor!"

AND ANYWAY.

WE LEFT Newport.

AND THREE hours later.

WERE BOWLING along.

AND A wheel went flat.

AND I stopped.

AND EXCLAIMED.

"H. SUFFERN Taylor!"

AND GOT out.

AND FIXED it.

I THANK you.

HARDING JUSTIFIES HIS LEAGUE STAND

Quotes Colonel House to Prove Wilson's Desire for Covenant Blocked Peace.

MARION, Ohio, July 20.—Another attack on the League of Nations covenant was launched yesterday by Senator Harding. He quoted Col. E. M. House as authority for the statement that Europe wished a preliminary peace treaty immediately after the armistice of November 11, 1918, but was deterred by the United States in expediting peace. Senator Harding said:

"We are beginning to understand the mistakenly plighted relationship of the United States to Europe just in time to proceed to referendum intelligently. The one representative of this country, other than the President, who best knew the whole situation at Paris, was Colonel House.

PRELIMINARY PEACE.

"He tells us now, in a cabled statement from London, that the suggestion of a preliminary peace treaty was made very soon after the armistice, and that such a treaty could have been made before Christmas of 1918.

"All along this has been the Republican conception of what should have been done; but this is the first official knowledge that Europe wished such a procedure and was deterred by us in expediting peace.

"The authentic revelation is peculiarly interesting at the moment when it is announced that the continuation of a Democratic Administration means a continuation of the foreign policy which has so grievously disappointed both Europe and America."

Colonel House's statement, to which Senator Harding referred, was contained in a special cable to the Public Ledger of Philadelphia on July 12. In it the Colonel said:

"A suggestion was made in Paris just after the armistice to proceed at once to the making of a preliminary treaty of peace with Germany, based on broad, general lines and concerning four subjects—army, navy, reparations and delineation of boundaries.

"The boundaries should not have been exact, but should have been drawn as to give Germany the assurance that her loss of territory would not be greater than indicated.

OBVIOUS THING TO DO.

"Such a treaty could have been made by Christmas of 1918, and would have been not only the usual, but the obvious thing to do. There was at that time facing Germany the entire Allied army, militant and flushed with victory, and there would have been no delay or evasion of terms."

Republican National Committeeman Rud K. Hynicka of Ohio, who called on Senator Harding, said that "Hamilton County and Cincinnati, Ohio, which gave Cox 17,000 plurality two years ago, will give Harding from 20,000 to 25,000 plurality in November. This shows how things are in Ohio. Everything here is in good shape."

Former Senator Bristow of Kansas, who was identified with the extreme progressive group in the United States Senate, has written Senator Harding that unless there is a revolution in public opinion between now and election day, Kansas will give him fully 100,000 majority.

The flag staff which stood in front of former President McKinley's home in Canton, Ohio, during that President's front porch campaign in 1896, was raised in Senator Harding's front yard this afternoon. A brand new flag will be flying from it next Thursday when the Senator accepts formally the Republican nomination for the Presidency. The pole, a treasured possession of the people of Canton, was loaned to the Marion Clive Committee for the Harding campaign.

HUERTA IN FAVOR OF 'ARID' MEXICO

"Boy President," Who Enforced Dry Law in Sonora, May "Pass Buck," However.

CITY OF MEXICO, July 20.—Mexico's "boy president," Adolfo De la Huerta, is keeping his people guessing on one of the subjects dearest to his heart. This is the question of "alcoholism."

"Alcoholism," translated into American, represents Mexico's booze problem. As governor of the State of Sonora, De la Huerta also became sponsor for the state of aridity that prevailed for some time in the territory under his jurisdiction. When the Sonora governor moved into Mexico City to succeed Carranza as president, he was preceded by the rumor that he would attempt to enforce prohibition in the capital.

This report gained credence when, for nearly a week after his arrival, the capital's casinos were closed by the authorities. Later they were permitted to reopen, the government explaining that the closing order had been issued only because there were large numbers of troops in the city, and it was desired to avoid all possibility of disorder during the critical days when the new regime was being born.

But in theory, at least, President De la Huerta sticks to his dry principles.

When he entertained a group of Mexican reporters at luncheon recently, he was asked to define his attitude toward prohibition. Whereupon the president spoke at length upon the malignant influence which "alcoholism" exerted upon the Mexican people. In contrast to conditions in Mexico, he cited statistics to prove that prohibition had decreased the amount of crime in the United States.

"Universal benefit is derived from prohibition," the president declared, "and eventually it should be adopted in the whole of Mexico, just as it has been enforced in the republic on our north."

The president made this statement just as coffee and cognac were being served to his guests and the reporters apparently decided that discretion and a sense of gratitude would not permit further questioning on the prohibition issue.

When a week later, the President was host to the foreign correspondents, the latter did not even suggest the question. Cocktails, two kinds of wine, champagne and liquor steered the conversation into other channels.

While it is known that De la Huerta looks to the day when his country will be as dry as the Chihuahuas desert, it is not believed he plans any radical steps in this direction. Any attempt at sudden enforcement of prohibition is deemed unwise, because of the hostility it would create among the people. Financially, a prohibition move would be considered a mistake at this time, because of the immense revenue derived from the sale of pulque. Then, too, De la Huerta is only "provisional president." His term expires at the end of the year, when the newly elected president takes office. This offers sound justification for "passing the buck."

But with the provisional regime firmly in power, the lid was applied, though not tightly clamped. The more reckless forms of gaming were barred, but the harmless keno, fashioned after the childhood game of lotto, was allowed to remain.

GEORGIA CENSUS SHOWS NEGROES LEAVING SOUTH

ALBANY, Ga., July 20.—The seriousness of the negro migration from South Georgia is beginning to be visualized here as the returns from the 1920 census are published. Figures on Quitman and Clay counties show the former has lost more than 25 per cent of its population in ten years and the latter 15 per cent.

It is known that no serious emigration of the white population has occurred in this time, and the only explanation is found in negroes leaving in large numbers.

HUG DENIES HE WAS KISSED.

NEW YORK, July 20.—Mrs. Carrie C. Hug, of 34 Hedges place, Jamaica, asked Supreme Court Justice Fawcett in Brooklyn yesterday for \$40 a week alimony pending trial of her suit against Charles L. Hug for separation. Mrs. Hug charges that on the night of May 5 she saw Hug being kissed by another woman on a street corner in Jamaica. Hug denies his wife's charges. Decision was reserved on the question of alimony.

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PLANES AMAZE INDIANS IN HUDSON BAY CO. FETE

WINNIPEG, Manitoba, July 20.—The stone age and the twentieth century met face to face during the anniversary celebration of the Hudson's Bay Company.

Three airplanes rose above the wigwam encampment of the Indians at Lower Fort Garry. They skimmed the battlements of the old fur post; they did headpins above the tepees; they soared upward until they became mere specks in the blue sky.

The Indians watched them closely with a startled interest their stolid faces failed to show. These men of the wilderness had never seen an airplane before.

PIANO FALLS; MAN JUMPS UNDERNEATH TO 'SAVE' IT

PHILADELPHIA, July 20.—Jumping under a falling piano to save it from breaking, John Clark, thirty-four years old, was severely injured. He is in the Woman's Homeopathic Hospital.

Clark was moving the piano from a

Four Boy Burglars Walk Along Telephone Wires To Get Into Gem Store

Acrobatic burglars are at work in Philadelphia.

To get into the printing shop of Joseph Shapiro, at 2011 Market street, early yesterday thieves scaled the walls of two adjoining buildings, walked along a narrow ledge high above the ground and forced a window. They then carried a good-sized safe from the front to the rear of the building and tried to open it.

When found hours afterward the safe was much the worse for wear, but still unopened.

Four boys, whose gymnastic prowess would win them fame in a circus walked over telephone wires suspended thirty feet from the ground into the third-story window of the jewelry store of George Swift, at 1400 South street. While sorting a collection of jewelry they were arrested.

It suddenly slipped and listed to one side. Clark jumped under it. He was injured in both legs and the abdomen. Physicians believe fractures wrapped around the piano saved his life.

JACK GERAGHTY BUYS RANCH IN CALIFORNIA

Divorced Chauffeur Weds Again, and Will Devote Time to Raising Rare Birds.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 20.—Jack Geraghty, recently of Brookline, Mass., and previously of Newport, R. I., and his new wife, who was Miss Amy Bluste of Boston, have gone to the mountains back of this city for their wedding trip. They were married last Saturday. He has purchased a small ranch near this city and says he will devote his time to raising rare birds.

Society in Newport and New York was startled in August, 1911, when Miss Julia French, daughter of Mr. Amos Tuck French, and the present Mrs. Le Roy French, married Geraghty, the family chauffeur. They remained for a time in Newport, where he established himself in business as an expert mechanic and dealer in second-hand automobiles. A son, named Jack Geraghty, Jr., was born to them. From Newport they moved to Brookline, and it was there that Mrs. Geraghty sued her husband for divorce in April of last year. The first Mrs. Geraghty obtained the custody of the son and rejoined her mother in Newport.



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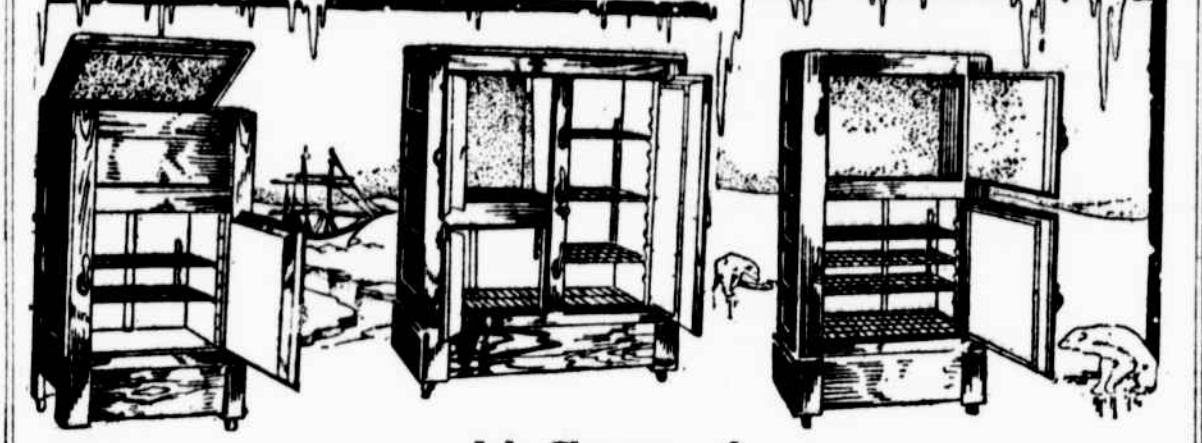
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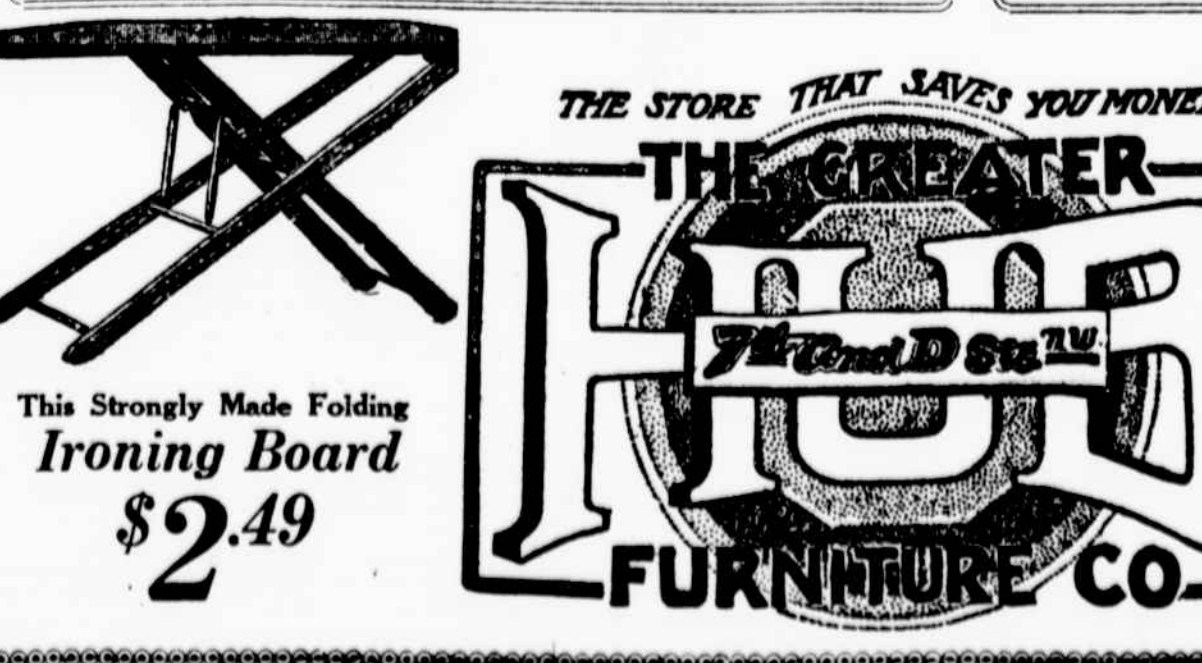
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All odd Princess Dressers in various finishes are included in this sale. Shaped and square mirrors of good quality.

Colonial Design Princess Dresser of Golden Oak Fitted with square plate mirror, size 18x30 inches. Roomy drawers. \$29.75	Large Solid Oak Princess Dresser. With beveled plate shaped mirror. Nicely finished. Has three roomy drawers. \$39.75	Large Walnut Finished Princess Dresser With shaped mirror. Excellent design and finish. This dresser is a very special value at \$34.75
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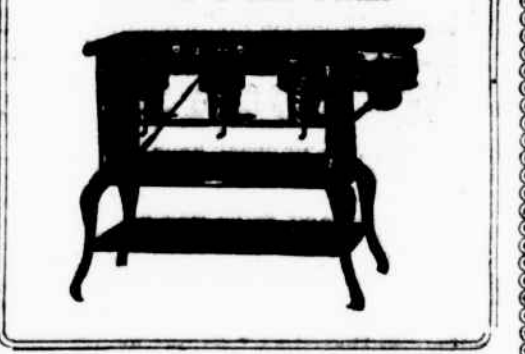
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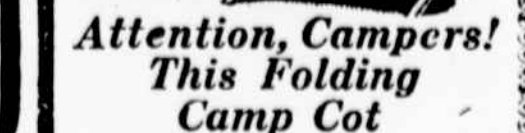
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